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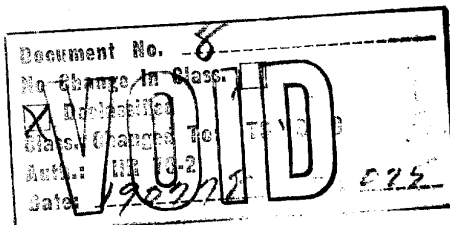
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1. There is a lead and zinc processing plant located between the barracks of Kerdzhali and the Arda River on the west side of the Momchilgrad highway.
2. The ore is brought to the plant by an electric aerial conveyor. Electric power is supplied by the plant's own hydro-electric station on the Arda River. This power station also furnishes current to Kerdzhali and Momchilgrad counties. When the river dries up in summer time current is supplied from the Maritsa Power Station.
3. The total number of employees is between 3000 to 4000 men of whom 150 to 200 are Russians including all technicians, chiefs of the workshops and some employees. They operate in three shifts on a 24 hour basis. The factory manager is a Russian named Mustakov.
4. The processed lead and zinc is transported to Russia by train.
5. A new factory now under construction will double the output of the present operation. The new plant will be located between Kerdzhali and a large seven arched bridge over the Arda River about 2 to 3 kilometers southwest of the town. Machinery and motors have been brought to the site by train.
6. An electric power station and chemical fertilizer factory have been under construction for two years on opposite banks of the Maritsa River about 2 to 3 kilometers south of Kerdzhali.



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